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Car vs. bike, now bike vs. human?

Council aims to crack down on cyclists using city sidewalks ◗ Coun. Mike Layton blames it on vehicles parking in dedicated bicycle lanes ◗ Most agree that congested sidewalks endanger pedestrians

Toronto is looking to get tough on cyclists illegally using sidewalks and endangering pedestrians.

Pedestrians, particularly seniors, risk serious injury if they're hit by cyclists and are deserving of protection, members of the public works and infrastructure committee said yesterday.

In Toronto, bicycles with a wheel diameter of more than 61 centimetres are to be ridden on the road, but the bylaw is neither well publicized nor enforced. The committee is recommending that city council call for an enforcement strategy for riding on sidewalks, as well as illegal vehicle parking and stopping in bike lanes.

"I would think that pedestrians in terms of hierarchy have the number 1 priority because they have the least protection. They're the most unprotected. We do have to protect pedestrians."
COUN. DENZIL MINNAN-WONG

"I think the reason why people cycle on sidewalks is the fear of getting involved in a crash or collision with a motor vehicle," said cyclist Anthony Humphreys.

But pedestrians are more vulnerable and therefore should trump cyclists, said Coun. Denzil Minnan-Wong, chair of the committee. He said in addition to supporting sidewalk enforcement to protect pedestrians, he also backs separated bike lanes to improve safety for cyclists.

"When a pedestrian and a cyclist hit, it stands to reason if there was to be a winner and loser in that altercation, on the balance of probabilities the pedestrian would be the loser, and the same could be said when you're talking about cyclists and motor vehicles," Minnan-Wong added.
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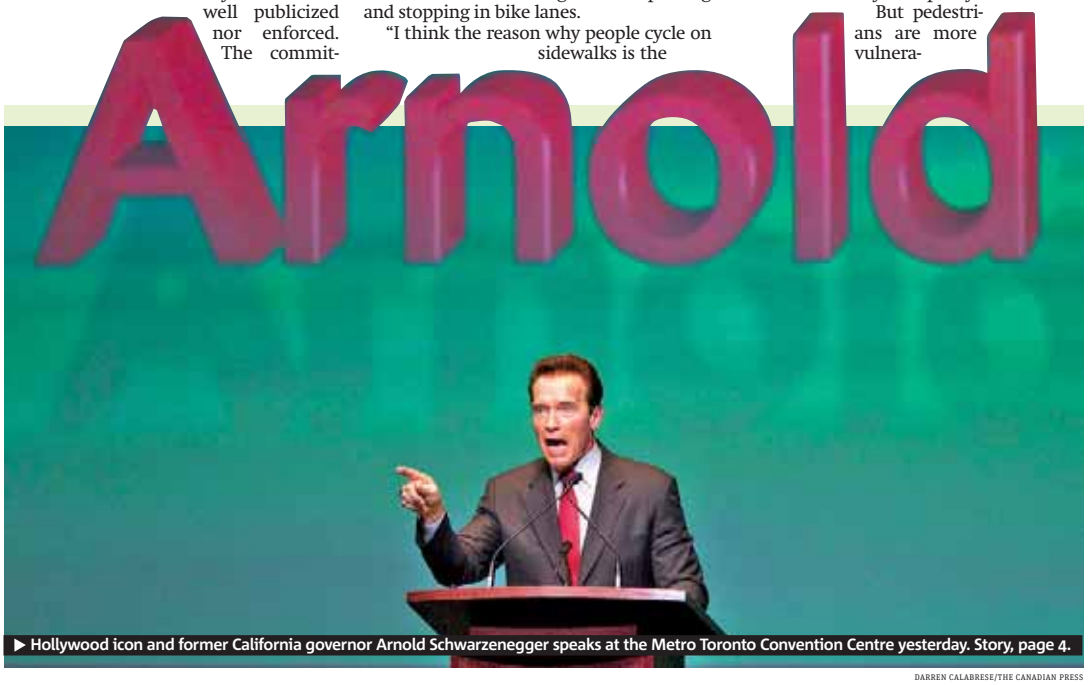

▶ Hollywood icon and former California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger speaks at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre yesterday. Story, page 4.

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Schwarzenegger sticks to motivational script in T.O.

McGuinty on hot seat again

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Cancer puzzle piece discovered

Toronto researchers have discovered a key ingredient in cancer cells that could produce a natural chemotherapy to destroy tumours from within.

Targeting the enzyme — known as UROD — can generate the same toxic effects that radiation and cancer drugs create in the cells and allow doctors to greatly reduce those harmful therapies when fighting tumours.

"It would ultimately allow us … to use lower doses of these treatments without compromising their (cancer-killing) efficacy," said Emma Ito, a scientist with the Ontario Cancer Institute at Princess Margaret Hospital.

While often effective in killing tumours, radiation and chemotherapies also attack healthy tissues.

Using RNA materials to block working parts of the enzyme, the researchers have successfully shut down UROD actions in both mice tumours and in lines of human cancer cells in laboratory settings.

Ito said she does not know how much chemo and radiation doses could be brought down in patients. "But based on what we see, a substantial decrease in radiation could be applied," she said, adding the research could lead to an oral drug for cancer patients.

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Cancer cells

The study was released yesterday by the journal Science Translational Medicine.

- **The enzyme,** which researchers discovered was at greatly elevated levels in tumour tissues, is normally crucial in the maintenance of oxygen-carrying iron levels that sustains all of our cells.
- **Blocking UROD** or turning it off disrupts the cells' iron equilibrium, upping its concentration within the cancer cells. This, in turn, releases a swarm of tumour-killing chemicals — known as free radicals — that traditional cancer therapies also produce.
- **Increasing** a cancer cell's iron levels intensifies the effects of the free radicals created by the traditional therapies.

McGuinty defends surplus power play

Ontario paid $1.46M to Quebec and U.S. Jan. 1 to get rid of extra power on mild, low-demand day

Premier Dalton McGuinty was put on the defensive yesterday, trying to explain why Ontario homeowners face rising electricity bills while the province pays neighbours to take its excess power.

Ontario makes a tidy profit from selling power to other provinces and American states, even if it sometimes has to pay neighbours to take its surplus power, said McGuinty.

"In 2010, we exported $300 million worth of electricity (and) we had to give away $6 million (worth)," he said. "We're up $294 million, just so we put this in context and perspective."

The real problem, said Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak, is the Liberal government signed lucrative contracts for wind-generated power that must be accepted onto the provincial grid, even when the electricity isn't needed.

"He's over-billing seniors and families by increasing (electricity) rates 75 per cent, and then subsidizing exports of power to Quebec, New York, New Jersey."
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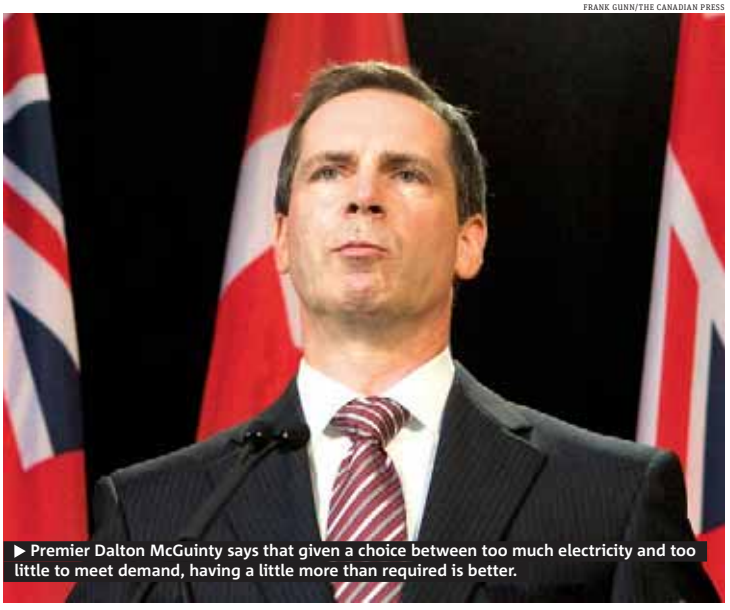

▶ Premier Dalton McGuinty says that given a choice between too much electricity and too little to meet demand, having a little more than required is better.

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Liverpool. Degree

▶ Former Miss Canada finalist Mary-Lu Zahalan-Kennedy of Oakville poses next to the Penny Lane street sign in Liverpool, England, after becoming the first person in the world to graduate with a master's degree in The Beatles.

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Canadian the first master of Beatles

Zahalan-Kennedy, 53, was one of the first students to sign up for the course when it launched at the university in March 2009. She joined the program when it started in 2009 and graduated yesterday. She is one of 12 full-time students of the program, The Beatles, Popular Music and Society.

Ex-Governator makes 'em laugh

Canadian talks are Schwarzenegger's first public speaking engagements since leaving office in California

It was billed as an afternoon with the former governor of California, but the lunch-hour speech yesterday in Toronto was all about Arnold Schwarzenegger the bodybuilder and Hollywood actor, who mused about success, liposuction and girly men.

This is not a policy speech, he warned the crowd.

"I don't want you to fall asleep here," he said.

The speech appeared to be the same one he gave Tuesday at an event in Calgary, but it didn't disappoint the new audience as they laughed at jokes about his accent and applauded when he said, "I'll be back."

Schwarzenegger was also in Winnipeg Tuesday night and will be in Montreal today. He recently completed the maximum two terms for state leaders in the U.S.

The bodybuilder-turned-actor-turned-politician played to his celebrity appeal, making references to movies Junior and The Terminator, in which he was naked.

"Can you imagine Sarah Palin being naked?" he asked the audience. "No, don't imagine that."

Frank McKenna, deputy chairman of TD Bank Financial Group, did steer Schwarzenegger toward politics during the question-and-answer session, asking for his thoughts on the extreme polarization plaguing U.S. politics.

"I am concerned about the partisanship that is going on right now in America," Schwarzenegger said. "The way the Democrats and Republicans have been fighting, it's absolutely outrageous. It's embarrassing."

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Ford's welcome

Mayor Rob Ford met with Schwarzenegger before the speech and welcomed him to the city.

▶ The mayor, whose weight has been a target for his detractors, said he has "to get in good shape like him."

DIPLOMACY

McGuinty urges PM to resolve U.A.E. spat

Prime Minister Stephen Harper must "do what he can" to resolve Ottawa's rocky relationship with the United Arab Emirates, Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday.

The U.A.E. is the "financial nerve centre" of the Middle East and Canada needs to be on friendly terms with that part of the world, said McGuinty.

The spat over additional airline landing rights in Canada for the U.A.E. can be resolved, but it's up to Harper and his Conservative government to mend fences, the premier said.

"I think we can resolve that," McGuinty said. "I'm just asking the prime minister to do what he could to help us overcome that."

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More G20 charges dropped

All charges against the common-law wife of a computer security expert involved in a G20-related case have been dropped.

Kristen Peterson was charged with explosives and weapons possession a day after her common-law husband, Byron Sonne, was arrested June 22, 2010, at their Forest Hill home.

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CRIME

Shots fired in alleged robbery

Toronto police say three people are in custody following an alleged gas-bar robbery.

Police originally said the suspects fired at officers, but later clarified and said the shots were fired into the ground.

No one was injured in the robbery in the Adelaide and Niagara streets area.

The shots forced nearby Niagara Street Junior Public School into a hold-and-secure situation.

Police say the officers did not return fire, and two men and one woman have been arrested.

The hold-and-secure was later lifted for the school.

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Metrolinx OK's electrified rail

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GTA travellers could be riding electric GO trains to the airport by 2018 — if the province hops aboard.

The agency behind the plan to electrify two rail corridors and a dedicated air-rail link says trips would be faster and trains would pull into stations five minutes apart in peak periods.

The Metrolinx board of directors yesterday approved the $1.6- to $1.8-billion plan to switch from diesel trains to electric on the Lakeshore and Georgetown corridors over the next 20 years.

Metrolinx president Bruce McCuaig said electric trains would save $18 million in annual operating costs. They would move faster and offer more frequent service, he said.

"Electrification is the start of getting the vision of having service as frequent as every five minutes in the peak period on our rail corridors," McCuaig said.

The improvements could lure two million commuters to GO Transit's current daily 200,000 daily ridership, he estimated.

But hundreds of trains rumbling through neighbourhoods won't please residents, said New Democrat Cheri DiNovo.

Phase 1 — a $457-million link between Toronto's Union Station and Pearson International Airport — will be complete in seven to nine years, said McCuaig.

Transportation Minister Kathleen Wynne signalled the province is rolling forward, but only with the environmental assessment on the air-rail link for now.

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Do-it-yourself aid worker hits Davos

Part citizen-journalist, part citizen-philanthropist and part technology nerd, GTA resident uses video cameras, cellphones and Internet to help poor

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▶ The Uncultured Project founder Shawn Ahmed, winner of the 2011 Davos Debates contest, is seen at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, on Tuesday.

Shawn Ahmed is tweeting gleefully about the white all-access badge he's been handed at the World Economic Forum annual meeting in Davos, Switzerland, where politicians and CEOs are meeting this week to try to solve some of the world's biggest problems.

The 29-year-old Canadian landed a coveted seat representing the YouTube community after winning an international online competition called the Davos Debates. His trip is paid for by the World Economic Forum.

Ahmed will be part of the young, socially conscious web's eyes and ears on the ground at Davos, where he will mingle with people like Randi Zuckerberg, Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg's sister, and, if he's lucky, the wealthy philanthropists Bill and Melinda Gates.

It's a bit of a coup for a guy from Richmond Hill who ditched a graduate program at Indiana's Notre Dame University about four years ago, then grabbed his meagre savings, a laptop and a camcorder and flew to Bangladesh to help the poor. Along the way, he launched The Uncultured Project, using YouTube and Twitter to connect web-savvy friends and donors with people in need.

Ahmed's parents were born and raised in Bangladesh and survived the liberation war that turned East Pakistan into Bangladesh before immigrating to Canada. As a child, Ahmed visited his grandfather in Bangladesh, where he saw children begging in the streets and vowed to help them one day.

That day didn't come until an inspirational meeting about four years ago with the economist Jeffrey Sachs, who made Ahmed realize it was his generation's responsibility to end world poverty.

Since then, he has been working independently but alongside established organizations such as Save the Children USA. Ahmed isn't a registered charity; he's just a guy with some video equipment, an Internet connection and a lot of fans, who lives in his parents' Richmond Hill home when he isn't sleeping in spare rooms in Bangladesh.

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Case study

You need only watch one of Ahmed's YouTube videos to understand his unique take on modern philanthropy.

- **In a 2007 video** a boy in rural Bangladesh gave Ahmed a tour of his school, which was left roofless after the devastating Cyclone Sidr.
- **Ahmed posted the video** on YouTube, where it was viewed 150,000 times by people wanting to help.
- **Those people donated** money to Ahmed's PayPal account; Ahmed transferred the money to Save the Children.

City to hold Hep A clinics

Customers who ate at Sierra Grill on Jan. 23 are being advised to get vaccinated after an employee tested positive for Hepatitis A.

Toronto Public Health is holding three free vaccination clinics for anyone who ate at the Bayview Village restaurant on that day.

The clinics will be hosted in North York Memorial Hall, at 5110 Yonge St., today and tomorrow from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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News in brief

30 evacuated after train derails

BUCKSKIN, ONT. About 30 residents evacuated from the area around a train derailment site about 150 kilometres north of Toronto will likely be spending the night away from home.

Randy Marsh of CP Rail said all of the agencies who were working to clean up the wreck near Severn Falls met yesterday to come up with a plan.

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Politician in rehabilitation

HOUSTON. Police stood guard as an ambulance took Rep. Gabrielle Giffords from intensive care to a rehabilitation hospital in Houston, an encouraging step that came after doctors upgraded her condition from serious to good.

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Britain alters anti-terrorism measures

LONDON. Britain yesterday overturned some of its most unpopular anti-terrorism measures imposed after the Sept. 11 attacks, but stopped short of ending the contentious practice of ordering suspects not charged with any crime to live under partial house arrest.

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Bloc posts $5-billion price tag on budget

Bloc Québécois says it will support the budget — at a cost ◐ Tory cabinet minister calls the party 'hypocrites'

The Bloc Québécois said yesterday Quebec has received a raw deal compared to other provinces in a multitude of areas, from regional development and tax harmonization to 1990s disaster relief. It wants some of that addressed in the budget.

The events helped confirm the prevailing wisdom in Ottawa that, if an imminent election is to be avoided, it will depend on the NDP supporting the Tories' budget.

That's because the Liberals have already dismissed major elements of the government's long-term spending and fiscal platforms — and the odds of the Bloc's demands being met appear nil.

The Bloc lists a variety of areas where other provinces have received breaks not offered to Quebec: A multibillion-dollar sales tax harmonization deal with Ontario and B.C.; disaster relief funding for Manitoba's Red River flood in 1997, but none for Quebec's ice storm a year later; huge tax breaks for Alberta's oil sector and billions for Ontario's struggling auto industry, but little for the forestry industry.

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▶ "If the Harper government refuses to do justice to Quebecers, the Bloc will vote against this budget. If this causes a federal election, we're ready for it," Bloc Leader Gilles Duceppe said in a statement.

Community chest

The federal government's Quebec lieutenant, Natural Resources Minister Christian Paradis, twice referred to the opposition party as hypocrites during a scrum with reporters.

- "The Bloc is always opposing for the sake of opposing ... Now they've drawn a line in the sand to find a pretext to trigger an election ... It's like they're playing with Monopoly money and taking people for fools," Paradis said.
- He said the Bloc has a track record of opposing federal budgets, and then criss-crossing Quebec to take credit for any spending measures they might include.

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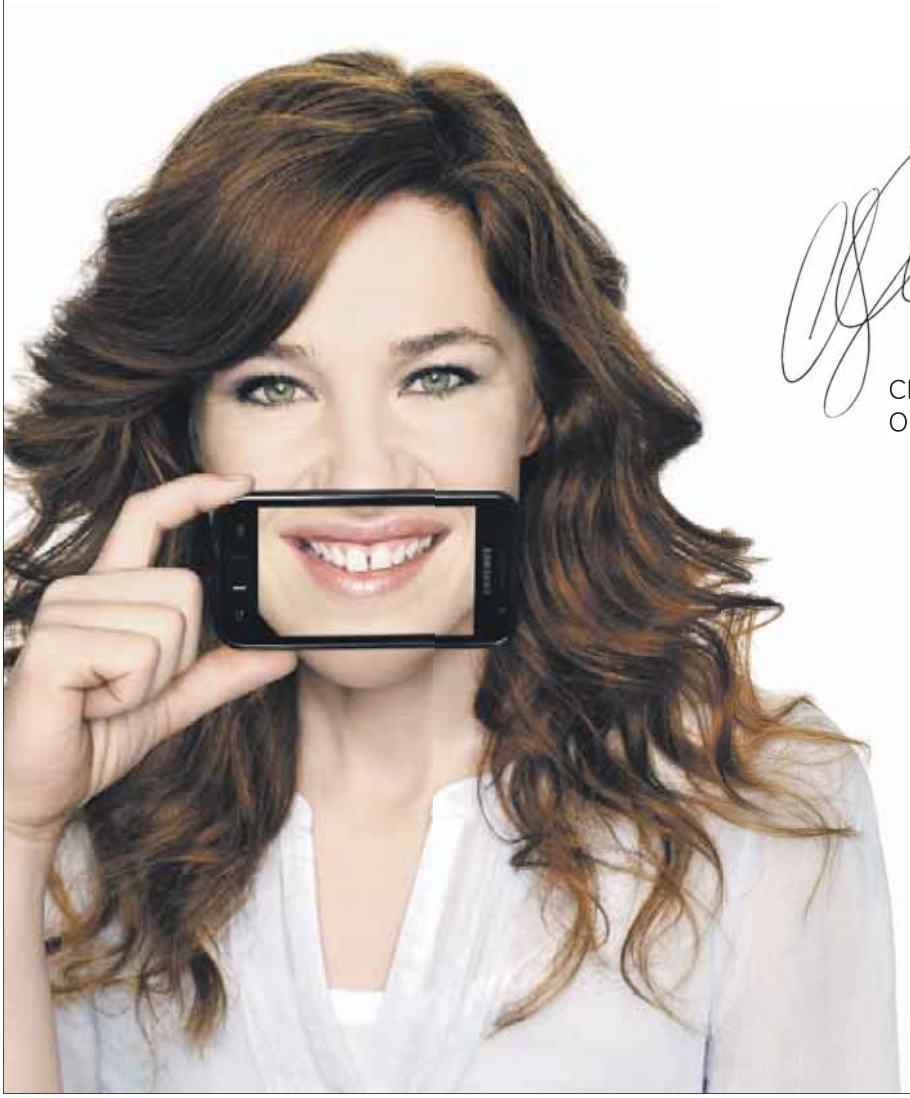

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MATERNAL HEALTH

PM sees a 'wave of hope'

A $40-billion initiative on maternal and child health will create a "wave of hope" across the developing world, Prime Minister Stephen Harper is predicting.

But he's also warning it's vital to get the project right, as evidence emerges that a previous billion-dollar United Nations program had issues with corruption.

"Nobody wants to blow it," Harper said in Geneva yesterday.

Later, Harper arrived in the Moroccan capital of Rabat, which has been hit by simmering popular protest.

Four people have set themselves alight in Morocco.

Popular unrest has already unseated an autocratic Tunisian government, and protests are widespread in Egypt.

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Billionaire on the run?

Tunisia's government has issued international arrest warrants against ex-president Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, his family — and his brother-in-law, billionaire Belhassen Trabelsi, who is believed to be hiding out in Montreal.

Trabelsi is accused of stealing government assets before the president was ousted this month.

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N.W.T. feels the power

The Northwest Territories has moved a step closer to assuming the powers of a province.

Premier Floyd Roland and federal Indian Affairs Minister John Duncan signed a deal intended to eventually give the territory control over its land and resources. The deal is backed by two major aboriginal groups.

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Oh, no ... right-winger is looking a little left

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▶ Michele Bachmann defended her TV appearance, saying, "The tea party is a dynamic force for good in our national conversation."

Tea party politician was speaking to the wrong camera in TV fiasco

The United States was still laughing at tea party darling Michele Bachmann yesterday.

Her six minutes in the national spotlight rebutting U.S. President Barack Obama's state of the union address was greeted by mockery and ridicule.

Bachmann seemingly stared into the wrong camera during her CNN segment.

She also mispronounced the famous Battle of Iwo Jima.

And she repeated a widely debunked myth about thousands of IRS agents policing Obama's health-care overhaul.

Bachmann, a Minnesota legislator, was apparently looking into a different camera than CNN's — one that fed directly to the right-wing tea party audience on the Internet. But with her gaze fixed to the left, she set the Twitter-world on fire.

"She's 'clearly not in touch with the mother ship.'"
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"Michele — we're over here," tweeted John Hodgman of The Daily Show.

Seth Meyers, head writer of Saturday Night Live — where the rebuttal seems destined to provide fodder this weekend — weighed in: "I hope whoever is standing over my left shoulder is enjoying Bachmann's speech."

Added another wag: "Moving to the upper-left side of my couch so Michele Bachmann can see me."

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It's oh, so lonely in an old galaxy far, far away

The universe was smaller 13.2 billion years ago, astronomers say Just 'a blob here, a blob there'

An international team of astronomers said it has glimpsed the earliest galaxy yet, a smudge of light from nearly 13.2 billion years ago — a time when the cosmos was a far lonelier place.

The universe was smaller and the stars bluer and dimmer, the astronomers said.

Star formation was occurring at a rate 10 times slower than it was millions of years later, they added.

"It wouldn't be nearly as interesting — a blob here, a blob there," said study co-author Garth Illingworth of the University of California Santa Cruz.

But other astronomers have their doubts.

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Garth Illingworth acknowledged there's a 20 per cent chance that the smudge the astronomers found is contamination, but "we're pretty sure it's a real object."

Richard Ellis at the California Institute of Technology is troubled because Illingworth's team originally found three 13.2-billion-year-old galaxies and then withdrew its original study.

The authors then came up with an entirely different galaxy, so all that switching "makes it difficult to believe," he said.

Illingworth said originally he and colleagues confused what may have been real light from billions of years ago and background "noise" from the process of looking so far away, so they redid the study. They then found the new galaxy and saw it was more likely to be real than the previous ones.

"We made a mistake and luckily we had ways to catch it before we went out and it was formally published," said Illingworth.

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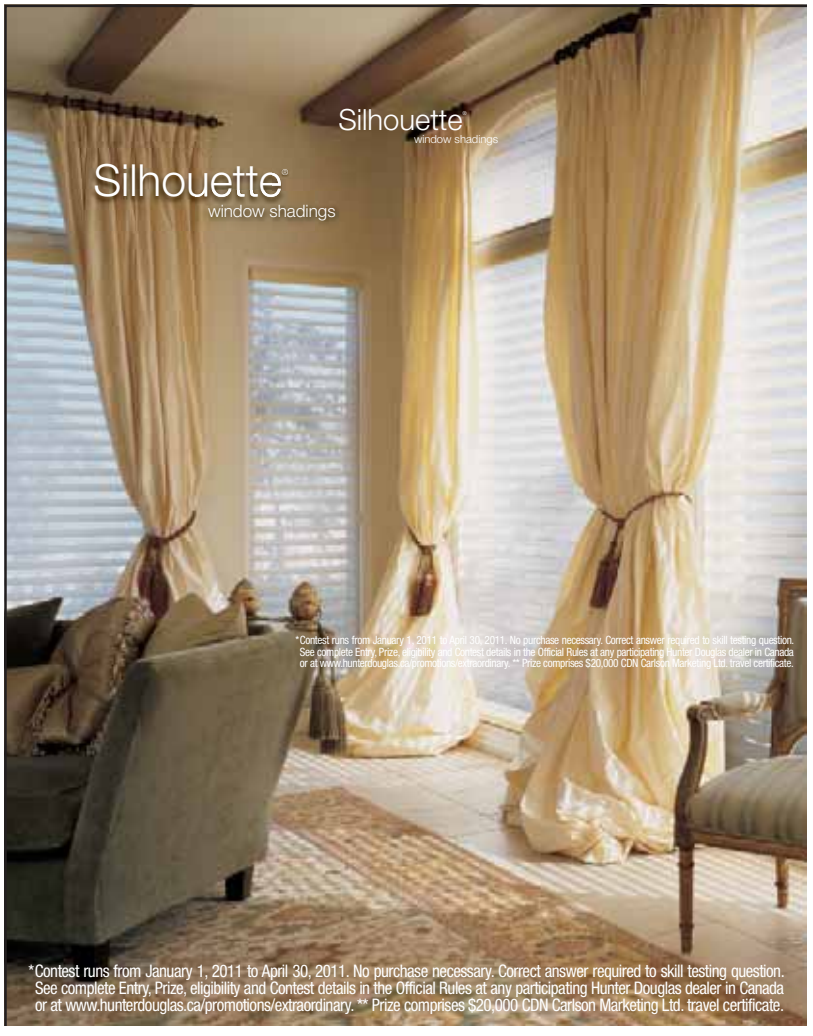
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▶ An angry Egyptian activist shouts at anti-riot policemen yesterday who block the way leading to a journalists' syndicate in Cairo, Egypt.

Police crack down on protests

- Tunisia's uprising sparks demonstrations in Egypt
- Activists call for president's ouster and a solution to rising prices and high unemployment

Egyptian anti-government activists pelted police with firebombs and rocks in a second day of clashes yesterday. Police forces moved in and used tear gas, beatings and live ammunition fired in the air to disperse any demonstrations

There were signs the crackdown on protesters was taking a toll on Egypt's international standing. White House spokesman Robert Gibbs would not say whether President Hosni Mubarak, the target of demonstrators' anger and a close U.S. ally, still has the Obama administration's support.

A policeman and a demonstrator were killed yesterday when a car ran them over during a Cairo protest, security officials said. The exact circumstances of their deaths were not clear. Officials said earlier the two died when they were hit by rocks but later changed the account. Earlier, three demonstrators died in clashes in Suez and one policemen died in Cairo violence. Security officials said 860 protesters have been rounded up since Tuesday, when tens of thousands turned out for the largest protests in Egypt in years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Household debt getting smaller, report suggests

Consumers entering new phase Economists feel pent-up demand exhausted, particularly for housing

Canadians may be starting to get the message about the perils of mounting debt, suggests a new report from CIBC.

A new analysis by the CIBC shows that many measures of household debt moderated in the third quarter of 2010, just as the often-quoted indicator of debt-to-disposable income hit a record 148 per cent.

The paper says that alarming number was due to falling incomes in the July-September compared with the April-June quarter — when Canadians were getting juicy tax refund cheques from Ottawa — not because debt levels were rising.

"We should not get panicky because it seems the system is starting to correct itself."
ECONOMIST BENJAMIN TAL, AUTHOR OF THE CIBC REPORT

In fact, behind the scenes, credit growth was already falling.

Household debt in the third quarter grew at the slowest pace in nine years, while in the last month for which there is data — October 2010 — it was the softest in 15 years.

As well, lines of credit are now rising at a monthly clip of 0.3 per cent, the slowest pace since 2007.

While the mortgage market expanded by seven per cent year over year — still faster than income growth — mortgage debt was a small portion of household assets, a function of improved stock market portfolios and better home values.

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Switzerland. Meeting

▶ Russian President Dmitry Medvedev speaks with corporate leaders yesterday prior to his address to mark the opening of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

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Russia woos foreign investors

Russia will not be brought to its knees by a deadly airport explosion, President Dmitry Medvedev told the World Economic Forum yesterday, insisting the bombing shouldn't make foreign investors cower in fear either. It may be a hard sell at a meeting of 2,500 business leaders focused on China's growing clout, simmering anxieties about Europe's debt and the fallout of the financial crisis.

3M cash in on home reno credit

Ottawa says more than three million Canadians took advantage of the home renovation tax credit, below the estimate of 4.6 million. The one-year program was to cost $3 billion, but appears to have topped out at more than $2.1 billion. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

UN sounds warning on food prices

The United Nations urged governments yesterday not to impose export restrictions or other short-term measures to cope with rising food prices, saying they can actually make matters worse by driving global prices up.

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CGI files minority report

CGI Group's American and European operations have overtaken Canada — which accounted for 47 per cent of overall revenues — as the largest contributor to revenues for the first time in the information technology business's history.

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Toyota recalling luxury vehicles

Says fuel pressure sensor on some Lexus could loosen Dealers will inspect vehicles for leakages

Toyota says it's recalling 11,700 vehicles in Canada for fuel leaks, part of a broader recall of 1.7 million cars worldwide.

The move is the latest in a ballooning number of quality problems that could add another dent to its tarnished reputation in the crucial North American market.

Toyota's latest recalls are mostly in Japan, but they also include the IS and GS Lexus luxury models in North America, where the world's No. 1 automaker faces the biggest obstacles to winning back customer trust.

There were no accidents suspected of being related to the latest recall, according to Toyota. The car maker said it had received 77 complaints overseas, 75 of them in North America, and more than 140 in Japan.

Koji Endo, an auto analyst in Tokyo, said the recall will cost Toyota about $240 million US, and that won't hurt its earnings performance by much.

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Canadian recall

Toyota said the Canadian recall affects Lexus GS300/350 from 2006 and 2007, Lexus IS250 models from 2006 through 2009, and Lexus IS350 vehicles from 2006 to 2008.

South Korea. Electronics

LG Electronics' LCD TVs are displayed at an electronic department store yesterday in Seoul, South Korea.

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LG swings to a rare loss

LG Electronics, the world's second-biggest manufacturer of flat-screen televisions, reported its first quarterly loss in nearly two years as prices for flat-screen TVs fell and devices like the iPhone provided stiff competition for its mobile phone business. It lost $229.4 million US in the three months ended Dec. 31.

Probe finds no proof WikiLeaks breaking law

Norway-based financial services company Teller AS, which was asked by Visa to investigate WikiLeaks' finances, has found no proof the group's fundraising arm is breaking the law in its home base of Iceland, according to a document obtained by The Associated Press.

But Visa Europe Ltd. said yesterday it would continue blocking donations to the secret-spilling site until it completes its own investigation.

Visa was one of several U.S. companies that cut its ties with WikiLeaks after it began publishing a massive trove of secret U.S. diplomatic memos late last year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. budget deficit may hit a record $1.5 trillion

40 The daunting U.S. budget numbers mean that the government will have to borrow 40 cents US for every dollar it spends.

New budget estimates released yesterday predict the U.S. government's deficit will hit almost $1.5 trillion US this year, a new record.

The new Congressional Budget Office estimates will add fuel to a raging debate over cutting spending and looming legislation that is required to allow the government to borrow more money as the national debt nears the $14.3-trillion cap set by law.

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JOHN MAZEROLLE

Most of the time I focus on the good things about aging.

It leads co-workers to erroneously assume that I know what I'm doing, for example. And the wisdom of my years has recently allowed me to make the important changeover from wanting to get fit, to convincing myself I look fine.

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But then, as I was watching a television commercial this week, something disconcerting hit me: This is my last year in power.

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This is upsetting. For the last 16 years, advertisers have seen me as no less than a god. People with money wanted me, needed me, worshipped me.

I was male, single, and powerful, with companies writing their whole playbook based on my loves and lusts.

But now, suddenly, I am irrelevant. And it hurts. Now I understand how housewives abruptly dropped for younger women must feel.

"I'm about to become the forgotten middle child, demographically."

I'm aware that ad men only wanted me because I was easy to manipulate, quick to depart with my money, and socially irresponsible, but at least they wanted me.

Advertising gets older; its loves stay the same age.

I can prove I'll be neglected, too. Look at any ad aimed at the younger set: They're awesome. Whether it's the Canadian Armed Forces or underarm body spray, commercials meant for young males have Hollywood production values. That the Old Spice guy hasn't won some sort of major acting award yet is one of the great injustices of our time.

Now look at the ads aimed at people who aren't young males: They suck.

Car dealership owners, gold dealers, and personal injury lawyers screaming at us, creepy dads who dye their hair to get over the death of their wife, and seniors that make you wish somebody would skip the high-impact yoga and go get acting lessons.

Oh sure, there are some slick ads for baby boomers, but I'm not in that group either. I'm about to become the forgotten middle child, demographically.

This is where the decline starts.

Soon I'll spend my days complaining that today's TV, music, and products aren't as good as when I was young. But nobody will listen.

It's going to be lonely. If only some shiny doodad or new trend could help ease the pain. Please take me back, advertisers: I swear, I can stay the same.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

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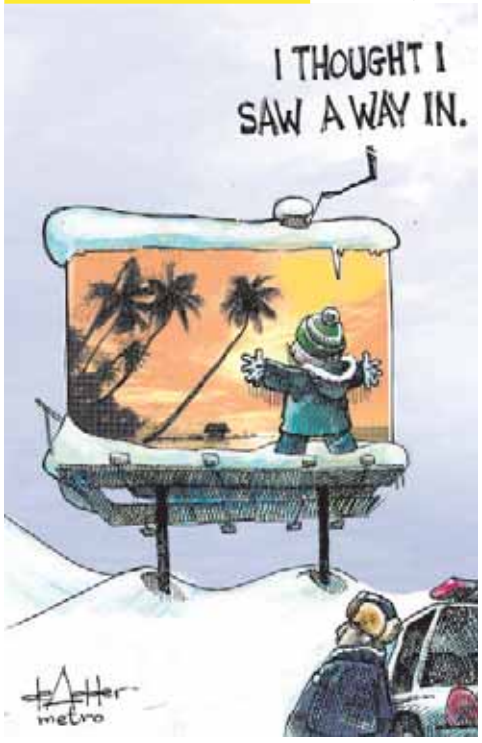

Clocks on a cellular level

Worth mentioning

Does time stand still?

What makes people tick? Anybody who has suffered jet lag knows all about the body's internal clock, which is driven by a cluster of brain cells.

But even the cells throughout our body have their own 24-hour clocks to co-ordinate activities at the cellular level. Now, new research suggests that these internal timepieces may be more complicated than scientists thought.

For years, scientists have said this clock is basically the activity of certain genes. But in a new study, scientists looked at human cells that don't even have genes. And in these red blood cells, they found an enzyme flip-flopping between two forms on a regular 24-hour cycle.

Is that a clock? Or is it just responding to some clock? Nobody knows yet, says Akhilesh Reddy of Cambridge University. But it seems to be connected in some way to the genetic mechanism found in other cells, he said. Reddy co-authored two studies on the subject in today's issue of the journal Nature.

Joseph Bass of Northwestern University, who co-wrote a Nature commentary on the work, said the new findings don't overturn the standard notion of a gene-based clock. Still, he said, "Our understanding of the clock is expanding with this work and other work." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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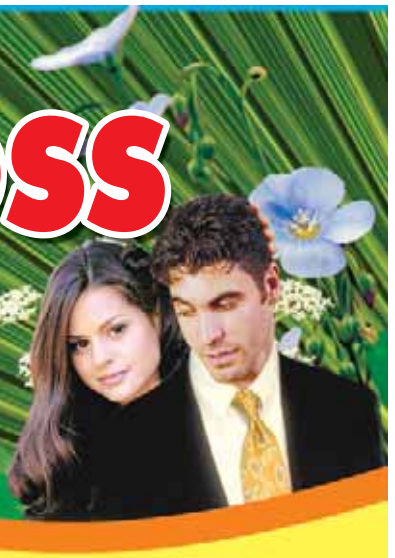

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Arena rock show on Dollar Store budget

Rich Aucoin kicks off his multi-media show at The Drake He's on a three-week residency

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BACKSTAGE PASS

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Craving the spectacle of a stadium rock show, but unable — or unwilling — to pay stadium ticket prices? Then look no further than Halifax musician Rich Aucoin and his glitzy do-it-yourself multi-media show kicking off the first of a three week residency at The Drake next week.

Aucoin has made quite a name for himself across the country in the past few years. His exuberant music and personality, and the barrage of Christmas lights, strobes, confetti and video clips that the singer projects onto a bed sheet on stage, help him create "an arena rock show on a budget."

In his efforts to achieve such an ambitious goal, Aucoin estimates he spent about $1,000 at his local Dollar Store last year.

"It got to the point where it was like, 'A cart for you sir?'"

But confetti, something Aucoin is regularly forced to clean up himself after shows, remains surprisingly pricey. Luckily, Shediac, N.B. is home to one of the world's largest suppliers of the stuff, providing the tiny rectangle flakes for world leaders across the globe.

"I use world class confetti," he jokes.

The bed sheet, often surrounded by a border of crumpled-up duct tape, also doubles as a blanket or even bedding after gigs where he has nowhere to spend the night. One such time, after a show at the Metropolis in Montreal, Aucoin slept on the stage.

As for stage clothing, Aucoin travels with three pairs of white pants and three white T-shirts — a necessity, in part, because if he happens to stand in front of his projector while dancing around on stage, the video clips will continue to project onto him.

"Also — and this is kind of gross — white shows your sweat the least when you're up there."

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Creating a visual narrative

Video The relatively high-tech video projector Aucoin uses to display his mashed-up video clips sticks out in his low-budget act. After the threat of legal action forced him to stop using How the Grinch Stole Christmas, the singer scoured the Internet for material whose copyright had fallen into the public domain. He figures he watched over 100 such clips, using about 40 in his actual show, editing them together to create a visual narrative for each of his songs. Aucoin's current set includes a pair of Jimmy Stewart flicks and an animated take on Gulliver's Travels.

2 scene

Regrets

British actor Paul Bettany regrets not taking Colin Firth's Oscar-nominated role in The King's Speech. Screenwriter David Seidler has said he wrote the screenplay — also nominated — with Bettany in mind for the role of King George VI, with Oscar-nominated Geoffrey Rush as his speech therapist.
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After a career of mostly serious roles, Natascha McElhone goes for laughs on 'Californication'

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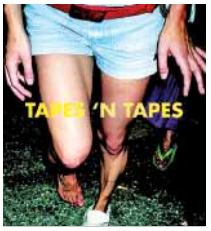
Cake
Album: Showcase of Compassion
Label: Upbeat/Warner
●●●
There's no way this album should work. It mixes '60s psychedelia with mariachi horns, fuzz guitar, cheesy synthesizer runs, broke down Bakersfield country licks, Beatlesque harmonies and wry Kinkish lyrics. But this kind of eccentricity is what we've come to expect from these California geek rockers. Somehow it works on tracks like Federal Funding, Long Time and the almost-angry footstomper Sick of You. But at times self-indulgence gets the best of the band. ● GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM

Cage the Elephant
Album: Thank You, Happy Birthday
Label: Universal
●●●
If you're missing fuzzy '90s alt-rock, you'll want to hear Kentucky-based Cage the Elephant's new disc. The group's sophomore effort is a not-at-all subtle mix of Nirvana, Pixies, Pavement and Built to Spill — it's got loud, distorted riffs, some grungy wails, pounding drums and catchy hooks. The only problem is that it feels a bit like a novelty disc.
● BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI



Tapes N' Tapes
Album: Outside
Label: Ibid
●●●
Don't worry if you forgot about Minneapolis buzz band Tapes 'n Tapes – you're not the only one. After the group released the critically acclaimed The Loon in 2005, they kind of fell of the radar thanks to an underwhelming follow-up. The group's retooled, leaving their label and heading home to record a lo-fi disc like their debut. The result is a mix of the raw, youthful exuberance they presented on The Loon and the more measured Pixies-meets-Pavement sound they employed on 2008's Walk it Off
● BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI

Wire
Album: Red Barked Tree
Label: Pink Flag
●●●●
For 35 years, post-punk legends Wire have been mostly active and as a result, their 11th studio album doesn't suffer like old-timer reunions do. In fact, the current line-up, comprised of three founding members, sound remarkably youthful, almost as if they were still in their heyday. If anything, Red Barked Tree shows aging gracefully doesn't have to sound old.
● CAM LINDSAY

British Sea Power
Album: Valhalla Dancehall
Label: Rough Trade
●●●●
Brighton, England's British Sea Power have always walked a fine line that could see them both filling arenas like U2 or soundtracking an installation at a natural history museum. Their fourth album brings more of those sweeping anthems that made their first two albums indispensable, but also expands their scope with gentler pop songs like Living Is So Easy. Still, their kooky lyrical charm comes in spades
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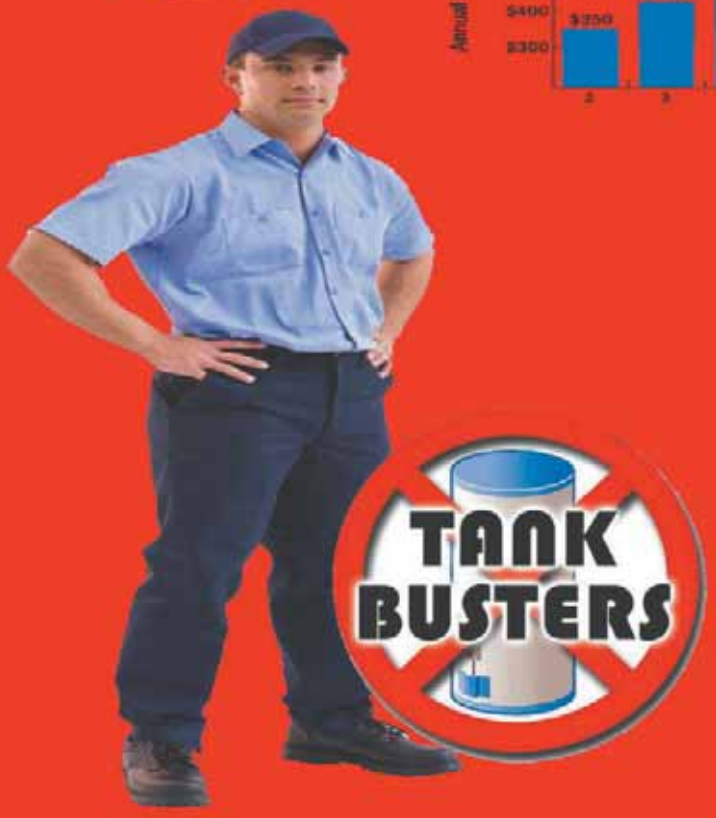

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Selleck: No NYPD blues

Now back fighting crime on TV, the actor talks about Magnum, movies, and how he wants grey hair

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Tom Selleck is back on series television with Blue Bloods as a New York police commissioner and the patriarch of a cop family. And while the surprisingly youthful-looking veteran has been keeping busy on television, he freely admits he's still most recognized for Magnum P.I. Metro spoke with Selleck during a break from filming Blue Bloods.

You don't seem to age. Any reason for that?
I don't know. I'm truly not very gray. And for the show, I spend 20 minutes in the chair every morning graying my hair and graying my mustache a little and I'm thinking, If the show goes eight years, that's nine months a year, 20 minutes a day. I just wish I would get a little grayer. So that's my lot in life right now. It's not a bad problem, but thank you for that.

What drew you to Blue Bloods?
The script first. I wasn't really looking for a series. I was concerned that I liked it because I do a series of movies for CBS called Jesse Stone. I love that character and it's really successful. So the first thing I said when I went in was, "I'm not doing this at the expense of Jesse Stone." And they said, "We don't want you to. Jesse is a home run for us." So that was nice.

Do you mind that people still recognize you most from Magnum P.I.?
No. I have never minded talking about that show. If I did my job right as an actor, when I left Magnum, it was my main credit. I have done westerns. I've done comedies, and people are aware that I have broader appetites than they might suspect, but Magnum will always be a big part of it.

What about making it into a movie?
Magnum won't work. Magnum is a little more like Star Trek, and I'm not just kind of gilding the lily on that. The fans of Magnum remember more lines than I can remember. I mean, the show is in the Smithsonian as the show that first recognized Vietnam veterans in a positive light in the States. And you can't just buy a title, spend a hundred million dollars on explosions and trivialize it, which they do.

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Veteran TV actor Ted Danson has been enjoying something of a career renaissance with his work on Damages and now on HBO's Bored to Death, something Danson chalks up to a rekindled interest in television and acting in general. He sat down with Metro to talk about returning to TV.

▶ Ted Danson

Are you enjoying being back on television?
Yes, starting with Damages. Damages really kind of turned a corner for me. I got excited about acting again, and I was doing something a little different. I think I had stayed at the half-hour situation comedy party too long — for me, because I was boring myself. I felt like, Ugh, I've done that. And to do something very different and very creative like Damages gave me a new lease on life. And Bored to Death followed along that line.

You're something of a scene-stealer in Bored to Death.
Well, if you're 63 — I'm 63 now — and you get to smoke dope and chase after women at an inappropriate age, it's hard not to steal a scene.

It must be hard to get through a scene with co-stars Zach Galifianakis and Jason Schwartzman without laughing.
Especially Zach. I mean, Jason is incredibly talented, but Zach has one of those faces that as soon as he says anything you have to check whether or not you should be laughing or taking it seriously. You never quite know with him. Everybody says they love going to work, everybody says the cast loves each other. We really do.

You have a pretty serious plot-line in the second season.
I do. [laughs] But done in such a way that it's hysterical. I am diagnosed with prostate cancer by this rather beautiful urologist. My old urologist retired, and in walks this beautiful woman to give me my exam. And we fall madly in love. But it's one of the funniest scenes I think I've ever been in in my entire life.

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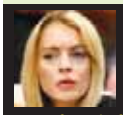

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Lily Allen **[@lilyroseallen]** Jamie Oliver 30 min meals are so not 30 minutes. Maybe if you don't prep or wash your vegetables properly....

Anthony Bourdain

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Stephen Fry **[@stephenfry]** I paid a lot of money to go on vacation on a private jet, but it has a PILOT. METRO

It's a boy for Javier and Penelope

Baby and Oscar nod in same week for Bardem

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▶ Penelope Cruz and Javier Bardem

It's been quite a week for Javier Bardem. Not only was he nominated for an Oscar for his work in Biutiful, but his wife, Penelope Cruz, gave birth to their first child, according to Spanish newspaper El Pais. The baby, reportedly a boy, was born at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles.

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Holmes has them heading for home

Katie Holmes has a new movie, The Son of No One, at the Sundance Film Festival, but her performance is not getting the kind of response she'd like, with many audience members walking out before it finished, according to Us Weekly. "When Katie showed up on screen, there was a collective groan," a source says of the film, in which Holmes stars as the wife of a cop played by Channing Tatum.

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▶ Katie Holmes

Johansson over split from Ryan?

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▶ Scarlett Johanssson

Scarlett Johansson and Saturday Night Live star Jason Sudeikis may be healing their broken hearts together, according to Life & Style. Johansson, who is divorcing Ryan Reynolds, and Sudeikis, who recently split from January Jones, were spotted at dinner in L.A. recently with fellow SNL cast-member Will Forte and a date. "It definitely looked like a double date," a source says. "Scarlett and Jason were flirting and making lots of eye contact. He reached across the table twice to grab her hand."

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Wedding bells for Hudson, Bellamy

They're already expecting a baby this summer, and now Kate Hudson and Matt Bellamy have a wedding to plan as well, according to the Sun. The pair secretly got engaged recently, announcing it to friends and family at a private party in London this week. "It was an intimate party," a source says. "They kept their engagement secret as they wanted to celebrate with their nearest and dearest before it became public knowledge."

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Let the baby bump fashion begin!

Hollywood is abuzz with a major baby boom But what can real-life moms-to-be who don't retain a glam squad on payroll do? For one, resist falling into the maternity trap of shapeless dresses and 'mom' jeans

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METRO WORLD NEWS

A quick rundown of the celebrities who have had babies or announced that they are expecting one this month: Victoria Beckham, Natalie Portman, Nicole Kidman, Owen Wilson, Kate Hudson, Miranda Kerr, Ivanka Trump, Hilary Duff, Alicia Silverstone, Selma Blair...

The list goes on and on.

Bring on the celebrity maternity style stories!

But what should us ordinary mortals wear?

There seems to be two schools of thought on maternity looks.

The old-school approach that suggests you hide your bump, covering up in tent-like dresses and shapeless tops.

Or the newer method that relies on "the tighter the better" philosophy: going sexy, embracing the shape of your belly in skin-tight Lycra and wrap-dresses.

Fortunately there's a middle ground between the two.

This year's spring/summer trends are filled with floaty maxi skirts and dresses that allow you to be in fashion as your belly grows.

High street brands have wised up to the sartorial dilemmas facing fashion-conscious expectant moms. So try Gap, Zara and ASOS for on-trend or timelessly chic basics.

Invest in decent maternity jeans, leggings and long vests and you'll be able to adapt your current wardrobe.

Be sure to include kaftans, maxi skirts and dresses, tunics and empire-line frocks that you'll want to wear again post-pregnancy.

The coolest thing is that you can try looks you might not normally wear; you can get away with a tighter top if it reveals a baby, not a beer gut.

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▶ Maxi dresses, such as Natalie Portman's dress here, are on-trend and baby-bump flattering.

3 THREE WAYS TO ADAPT TO THE BUMP

BLAZER

- You don't need to close the blazer over your bump, so wear it with jeans or trousers for a smart work look.

VINTAGE ROCK TEE

- Adopt an anti-mumsy look by wearing jeans with an outrageous rock band tour T-shirt.

GREAT JEANS

- Decent maternity jeans are a must, as they're comfortable and can look smart, too. Team them with the aforementioned blazer for a casual, "executive" look.

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Pregnancy pick

Elle MacPherson Intimates bras
Non-wired maternity bras are essential but can be frumpy; this range is practical and pretty.

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Make room in your wardrobe

We rounded up Paris and Milan's best trends for autumn/winter 2011 that you can incorporate into your wardrobe right now

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METRO WORLD NEWS

1. MONOCHROME HEAD-TO-TOE

Whether you channel the darkness and unnerving mood of Paul Helber's collection for Louis Vuitton or Bottega Veneta's relaxed but raw approach, the message is that it's time to go monochrome. Of course, when there's not much colour it's the details that count.

2. RELAXED TAILORING

2011 will be about mixing up fabrics like velvet and wool or sportswear quilted coats and tailoring. It's about doing something unexpected and playing with convention. Dolce & Gabbana relaxed the cut of their trousers, adopting drop-crotch and pleated styles among others.

3. THE SEVENTIES

The women's collections must have still lingered in the designers' minds because the men got the same Seventies treatment. Dries Van Noten introduced David Bowiesque orange hair, fur and white contrast lapels, while Miuccia Prada went kitsch. Colours to look out for are burgundy, teal, caramel and brown.

4. POP OF COLOUR

Flashes of colour played a part in many of the shows already mentioned but it broke the norm at Burberry, Jil Sander and Ann Demeulemeester. Some of the colours at Jil Sander almost had a fluoro twist.

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▶ Louis Vuitton 1

▶ Dolce & Gabanna 2

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Beauty pick

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A Metal-Morphosis

From neutrals to jewel tones, metallic eyeshadows gleamed on the runways. Metallics can also be fresh for daytime, says Simone Otis, makeup artist and Joe Fresh Style beauty consultant. "Wear one colour, such as silver, gold or copper, as a sheer wash over the lid, and finish with curled lashes and mascara."

Lise Watier Limited Edition Jingle Belle Eyeshadow Palette. $38, lisewatier.com

Hard Candy Take Me Out Liners (Molten Metal) in Luxe and Sailor. $5 each, walmart.ca

L'Oréal Paris HiP Studio Secrets Crystal Shadow Duos in Charming and Romantic. $10, lorealparis.ca

Jillian Dempsey for Avon Eye Duo in Gold/Jet Black. Metallic shadow on one end for soft daytime sheen, and inky liquid liner on the other to wing out for night. $10, avon.ca

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Andy The-Ahn named head designer of Lole

After recently closing up shop on his signature label, Andy The-Anh is bouncing back in a brand-new role.

The acclaimed Montreal-based designer is shifting from eveningwear to activewear by teaming with Canadian lifestyle clothing company Coalision.

The-Anh will be head designer for its Montreal-based Lole women's lifestyle brand.

"Lole is an acronym of Live Out Loud Everyday, a philosophy I not only live by but infuse into my designs," The-Anh said in a statement. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Up and down

Nicola Formichetti
Lady Gaga's stylist-turned designer had the most talked about show of men's fashion week in Paris thanks to an exclusive track from her upcoming album, "Born This Way," that debuted in his first show for Thierry Mugler. The pop diva is also rumored to be collaborating with Formichetti on the Thierry Mugler women's show.

Rodarte
It's a case of "always read the contract" for Laura and Kate Mulleavy. The sisters failed to negotiate the front credit for their work on the Oscar nominated 'Black Swan' and with it the possibility of winning the Best Costume design award. It look likes the tainted honor of picking up any prizes will fall to 'official' designer Amy Westcott.

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TALE OF 2 MARKETS

RealNet Canada Inc. released the December results and year-end totals for the Greater Toronto Area new homes market late last week and when all was said and done, there were 36,803 new homes and condos sold in the GTA last year.

To put that sales total in perspective, it was better than 2009 (by eight per cent), it was better than 2008, and it was better than all the expert forecasts for the year.

And while it was only the third best year since 2000, 36,803 units is still a healthy number from the standpoint of jobs, investment and tax revenues for all levels of government.

It really was a tale of two markets though, as sales of low-rise homes, primarily in the suburbs, were off by 10 per cent, while sales of high rise condo suites were up 30 per cent, resulting in the overall gain of eight per cent. The 20,349 new condos sold in 2010 amounts to the second-best year ever for high-rise condo sales (2007 was tops).

High-rise sales did break a record last year though, taking an all-time high 55-per-cent share of total new home sales.

Within the last decade, the share of the GTA housing market captured by high-rise condo developers has steadily risen from one quarter, which was considered normal, to a third, which was called the new normal, to more than 40 per cent (we called that the Year of the Condo), to the point today where more than half of all new home sales annually are high-rise condos.

Feel the relaxed vibe

SUITE TALK

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With a model suite that finds a perfect balance between warm and cool, Upper Cornell shows how a little neutral toning can go a long way.

Designer Sabrina Albanese took a 1,913 sq.ft., three-bedroom model, which started more traditional in look and jazzed it up with clever off-white subtlety and a focus on relaxed vibes over formality.

"I had to reinterpret the house because it wasn't set to be so modern originally. I kept things very clean and simple to keep with the relaxed elegance of the whole space. I took a warm space and cooled it down a bit," Albanese said.

A crucial part of that cooling effect was the choice of a delicate light blue tone for the walls, which helped create a visual balance with the decidedly warm-toned hardwood floors.

In the kitchen, Albanese put in a mosaic backsplash to tie the space together in all the same tone and create a more neutral overall look. For the dining area, she kept to a clean look by using iconic, modern chairs around a natural wood table and avoiding too many other distractions.

▶ Don't you just want to chill out in this living room?

Albanese kept the living room pleasantly informal by relying on natural light and using neutral tones and textures to keep the space bright and lively.

"Because there was so much natural light coming in I just really wanted to brighten the space up to balance the warm and cool tones. I wanted everything to feel really serene with a tone-on-tone, neutral look to create a very relaxed space," Albanese said.

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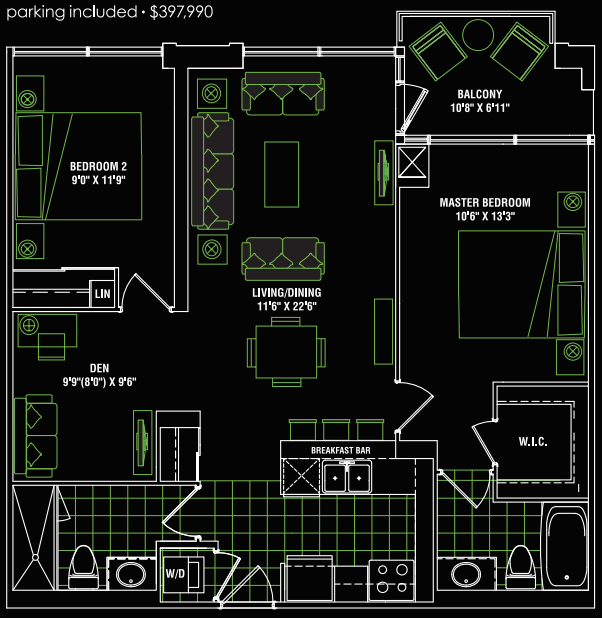

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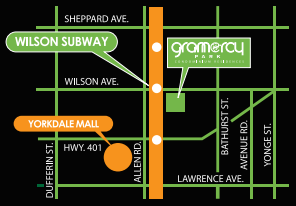

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Remember: the slinkier the fabric the more grip your hanger needs (think rubber or velvet). Larger-sized men's suit jackets needs a larger-ended hanger to keep the shoulders supported while hanging.

SHOE BOXES

Keep your good shoes tidy and protected by storing them in individual shoe boxes. Stack directly above the outfit that they match and you are all set to get dressed in a hurry.

SUIT VALET

Considered something your grandfather might have used, a wooden suit valet is invaluable to keeping him organized and his clothing tidy.

Here are some more ideas to upgrade your existing closet's decor.

SOLUTIONS

▶ Cedar hangers keep your closet smelling fresh.

CLOSET DOORS

Changing swing or slider-style doors is not a difficult project and can help to update the look of your closet.

If you have sliding doors then consider upgrading to a mirrored door, frosted glass or stylish wood veneers. If you have traditional swing doors consider switching them to glass or mirrored panels, or a new, stylish louvered door.

Painting your existing closet door (inside and out) a fashionable colour like red, orange or dark grey adds personality to your closet.

PAINT OR WALLPAPER THE INTERIOR

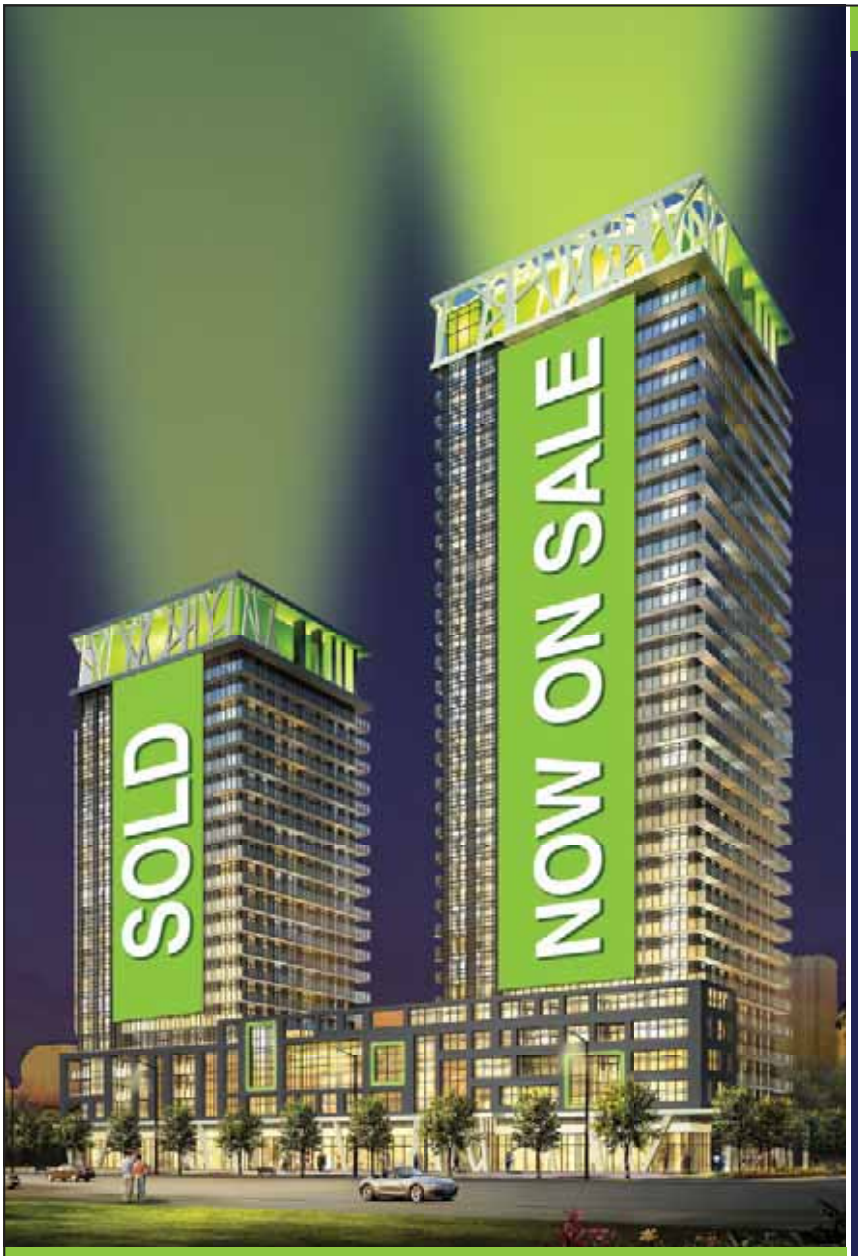
Once you have everything out of the closet, give it a fresh coat of paint or a layer of wallpaper to help update the look. Choose a fun colour (like Tiffany blue or bright orange).

It will offer a real surprise of colour each time you open the closet door. It's also a great idea to add an interior light and perhaps a small closet safe (like in hotel rooms) to keep valuables all in one place.

MATCH NEW SHELVING COLOUR TO YOUR DECOR

If installing new laminate or wood shelving, match its colour to the furnishings within the room.

Most shelving comes in a variety of light-to-dark tones that can easily be matched to your dresser, bed or night tables. This idea will unite and co-ordinate the entire bedroom/dressing area.



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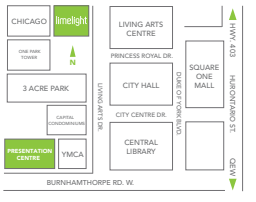

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A national treasure

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Alfred Sung, a top designer (and national treasure), will unveil his limited edition outdoor collection, Blackwatch, at this weekend's Interior Design Show.

What can fans look forward to in this special collection?

The collection is very much the same concept as my clothing: It's very sophisticated, it's sleek, it's simple, it's modern. We basically try to use ideas from the fabrics and textiles, so that's how we came up with the Blackwatch concept.

You're best known for your clothing lines, so what satisfies you from an artistic standpoint when you produce an outdoor collection?

I have always been very interested in interior design.

It's always been my dream to come out with a furniture collection, home design, home accessories. This is very exciting for me.

▶ Alfred Sung

Is there an area of design you haven't tackled yet that you'd be interested in taking on?

We're doing menswear. It's going to be for Fall 2011, so we've already put the first season's design to bed.

But other than that, I think the only thing that's missing would be women's lingerie (laughs) and children's wear. That would be fun because I love kids.

You've made a mark internationally, and could easily have moved to New York or Milan ages ago. What has kept you in Canada?

I feel comfortable in Toronto. I love Canada as a country and I'm proud to be Canadian.

I'm thankful for what the country has offered me and actually, every time I go away, whether it's on holiday for two, three weeks, I get homesick.

I think we Canadians, a lot of time, take our country for granted. Compared to other places, we are up there, and yet we live so much better.

Patio collection

- Alfred Sung will present his limited edition patio collection — available this weekend only — at the Interior Design Show.

British

With a royal wedding ahead, U.S. design turns focus on London

Goodbye, Paris. Hello, London! While the French capital's been dear to home decorators for several years, we're seeing the look of London more and more in the newest furnishings and accessories.

Is it fleur-de-lis fatigue? Too many Eiffel Towers? Perhaps. As designer Mei Xu notes, "London blends charm and cheekiness, traditions and trends."

And it doesn't hurt to have a royal wedding just around the corner.

Xu's Bliss Living Home has introduced an extensive collection inspired all by things British.

"To me, London's simply irresistible," she says. "It's such a vibrant city, where the past and present merge."

She remembers a visit by Margaret Thatcher to her childhood school in China. The Prime Minister gave the students a large book about the wedding of Charles and Diana. For Xu, it revealed an exciting and glamorous world, and it inspired her creative career.

Her collection's colour palette uses white and charcoal, hues associated with London's often damp weather, and a soft mint green that seems to blend the sea and the forest.

There are candles shaped like Big Ben; pillows show-

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Invasion

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ing double-decker buses and classic phone booths; printed bedding with the London Bridge; and blankets, rugs and shower curtains with an oversize hounds-tooth pattern and riding-set vibe. Metallic inks etch crowns on pillows, table linens and tea sets.

Stickerbrand has a two-metre wall decal of Big Ben, London's famous clock, and American Chateau has a large decal of a city intersection in the heart of London.

The bright red London phone booth, one of the city's historic trademarks, was retired many years ago. Replicas are available in the $1,000 range. But for a few dollars, you can create the illusion of one with a door-size poster from Poster Revolution.

Doctor Who fans might like Artfire's wall decal of the Tardis police phone booth.

Metrosofa has a white, throne-style chair featuring the flag upholstered on the back; it's much smarter looking that it sounds, honestly.

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▶ London street wall decal

And finally, Naked Decor uses vibrant colours like navy, sky blue, scarlet and inky black to transform several icons — the Union Jack, Tower of London, even the Queen's silhouette and the keys to Buckingham Palace — into clocks, pillows and other accessories. The collection is called British Invasion. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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TALKING SURVEYS

We are in the process of purchasing a new home and our realtor has suggested that we request a survey of the property as one of the conditions in the Agreement of Purchase and Sale. Although the market is not as competitive with respect to multiple bidding as it used to be, we want to make our offer as 'clean' as possible. Is it necessary to obtain a survey?

If a survey is available and will not jeopardize your bid for the house by adding an unnecessary condition, it is always a good idea to obtain the official survey of your home (even just for your records). However, with the advent of title insurance, the absolute requirement for a survey has greatly decreased. The financial institution that is providing your mortgage used to require an up-to-date survey but they are now accepting proof of title insurance on the property in lieu of this requirement.

There are still situations in which a survey is necessary. One of them is if you are planning on doing any construction. If the vendor has an original of the survey that accurately reflects the present footprint of the house and the lot dimensions, then you could be saving yourself the cost of a survey.

Also, if there are complex lot dimensions, easements and variances with respect to the property, it often is extremely useful to have these mapped out for you and your lawyer to examine. If in doubt, ask your lawyer.

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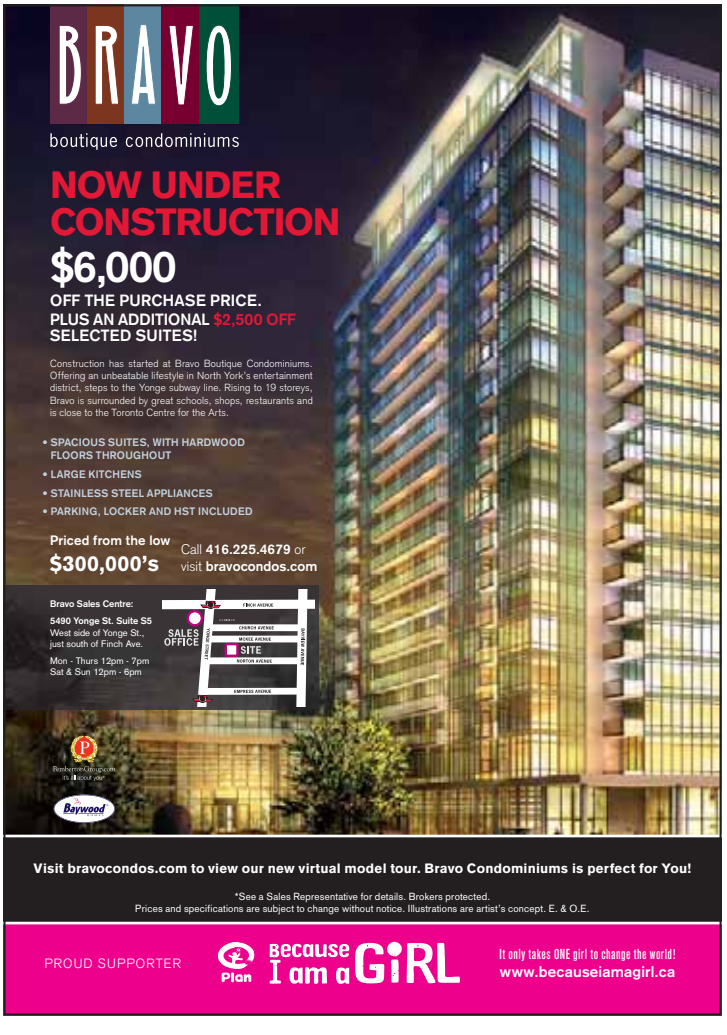
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A remedy for the winter blues

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▶ This Gardener's Chicken will distract you from your January blahs.

Preparation:

1. Heat oil in a deep frying pan. Add chicken and brown on all sides for 8 to 10 minutes, over medium heat. Remove the chicken and set aside.
2. Melt butter in pan. Add carrots and leek whites. Stir, cover and cook 10 minutes over low heat. Season with salt and pepper.
3. Cover vegetables with chicken. Scatter over 2/3 of the parsley and leek greens. Pour over stock to cover. Bring it to a boil then reduce heat, cover and simmer 1 hour or until the chicken is tender.
4. Discard parsley. Transfer vegetables and chicken to serving dish with slotted spoon.
5. Boil stock until reduced by third. Reduce heat.
6. Mix egg yolks with crème fraîche or sour cream. Blend mixture into stock and simmer, stirring, 2 minutes, until thickened. Do not let boil. Roughly chop remaining parsley. Pour sauce over chicken and sprinkle with parsley.

READER'S DIGEST

Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp canola oil
- 1 chicken, jointed into 6 pieces
- 2 tbsp butter
- 400 g carrots, peeled and cut into chunky batons
- 1 kg leeks, whites sliced and greens shredded
- 25 g fresh parsley
- 2 ¼ cups chicken stock
- 2 egg yolks
- 2 tbsp crème fraîche or sour cream
- Salt and pepper

Barefoot Contessa makes it look easy

Ina Garten, better known by her fans as the Barefoot Contessa, hopes to turn you on to some stress-free recipes with her seventh book, How Easy is That?

In this book, which has hit the bestseller lists in the U.S., her theme is saving time and avoiding kitchen stress. But, as she says in her introduction, "these aren't recipes with three ingredients that you can throw together in five minutes before dinner."

Rather, her emphasis is on dishes impressive enough for dinner parties, but featuring everyday ingredients, easy shortcuts and simple techniques.

The book covers everything from cocktails to dessert, and every recipe is beautifully illustrated so it is easy to see what the end result should be.

Her preferred method of cooking is in the oven — sauteing, stir-frying and grilling are too labour intensive, she says.

Are the recipes as easy as Garten says? For the most part, yes. None of the recipes has a lengthy list of ingredients, yet they offer interesting flavours.

Weeknight Bolognese, for instance, requires limited chopping so it comes together quickly, yet has a complex taste hit with a combination of red wine, crushed tomatoes, a touch of nutmeg and cream.

Recipes are well-explained and appeal to both novice and experienced cooks.

Garten also includes 68 entertaining tips, all illustrated. Suggestions on unusual yet simple table decorations will appeal to everyone. THE CANADIAN PRESS

▶ Packed with green vegetables, this tofu noodle dish is healthy and easy to make.

No stress tofu noodles

Preparation:

1. Boil noodles according to package instructions. Drain, reserving 50 ml of liquid. Rinse noodles under cold running water. Put aside.
2. Meanwhile, whisk together stock, soy sauce, corn starch and sesame oil in small bowl until smooth.
3. Heat canola oil in wok or large non-stick frying pan over medium heat. Reserve some green parts of scallions for garnish, then add remaining scallions, garlic, and zucchinis to frying pan. Stir-fry for 3 to 4 minutes or until they are softened.
4. Add tofu, stock mixture and reserved noodle soaking liquid to pan. Bring to boil, stirring for 1 or 2 minutes or until sauce thickens.
5. Add noodles and quickly toss. Remove pan from heat, toss in watercress, coriander and reserved scallions; serve. READER'S DIGEST

Ingredients:

- 250 g Chinese medium egg noodles
- 1/2 cup vegetable stock
- 2 tbsp soy sauce
- 2 tsp corn starch
- 1 tsp toasted sesame oil
- 1 tbsp canola oil
- 4 scallions, chopped
- 4 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 zucchini, halved lengthwise then sliced
- 250 g firm tofu, cubed
- 40 g watercress, no stems
- 2 tbsp chopped cilantro

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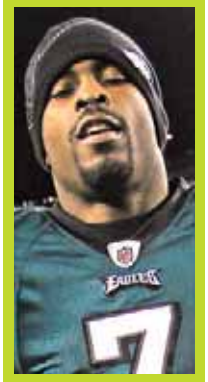

"This one feels great due to the fact that I've been through so much and trained to getting back to this position."
MICHAEL VICK, ON MAKING HIS FOURTH PRO BOWL APPEARANCE – AND FIRST SINCE SERVING 18 MONTHS FOR HIS ROLE IN A DOGFIGHTING OPERATION

"It came in a different fashion. I displayed different talents this year and showed really what I could do in the passing game along with doing everything else."
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Quest over for hobbling Nadal

Spanish star's bid to win four majors in a row ends with defeat

Rafael Nadal wiped the tears from his eyes with his taped-up fingers.

His Rafa Slam was evaporating. The 25-match winning streak in Grand Slams and his bid to become the first man since Rod Laver in 1969 to hold all four major titles at once was three games from ending.

He was hurt. He was down two sets and a break. It was the same court, and the same round where he retired in the Australian Open last year. Yet the idea of packing it in didn't even enter his mind.

"I hate the retirements," he said. "This wasn't the day. I did last year. I hate that moment ... Didn't want to repeat that."

Six games later, Nadal was out of the tournament, losing 6-4, 6-2, 6-3 to fellow Spaniard David Ferrer yesterday in Rod Laver Arena, the centre court at Melbourne Park named after the Australian great whose four consecutive majors he was trying to match.

"It's a victory for me. But it's not a victory really," Ferrer said.

Laver, who lives in Carlsbad, Calif., was surprised to hear of Nadal's loss.

"I'll be darned," Laver said in a phone interview with The Associated Press. "I thought he'd come all the way through. They were all counting that he was going to be the defending champion in all four tournaments.

"That's disappointing for him, really. In a way, that was an effort to put all those tournaments together through last year. It really was a good performance. I had him as being favoured, even to beat Federer, the way he was playing. He just has got a game that's difficult for Roger."

Laver is the last man to win a true Grand Slam, made up of the Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon and the U.S. Open in a calendar year. He did it twice, as an amateur in 1962 and again in 1969.

Again, it was Australia Day. Again, Nadal's match was interrupted by fireworks for the national day celebrations.

Again, the match was a dud.

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Leg injury

Nadal received treatment to his upper left thigh after the third game and had the thigh heavily strapped. He needed treatment again after the first set.

- "I can say nothing about the injury," he said. "Seriously, I would prefer to not talk a lot about the injury."
- He was later quoted in Spanish as saying he had a small tear in a muscle in his upper left leg.

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▶ Rafael Nadal serves yesterday in his quarter-final match against David Ferrer.

Sixers' depth too much for Raptors to deal with

Marreese Speights had 23 points and nine rebounds coming off the bench as the Philadelphia 76ers beat Toronto 107-94 last night to hand the Raptors their ninth straight loss.

DeMar DeRozan scored a game-high 29 points for the Raptors (13-33) while Andrea Bargnani added 17 points and Amir Johnson had 15 points.

Philadelphia (20-25) took control of the game in the second half as Lou Williams had 15 points off the bench. Andre Iguodala and Jrue Holliday also had 15 points apiece for the Sixers, with Holliday adding 11 assists.

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The losing streak is Toronto's longest since losing 10 straight during the 2005-06 season.

The Raptors, who have been hit hard by injuries, had point guard Jose Calderon back in the lineup last night after he missed Monday's game with flu-like symptoms. He had eight points and 13 assists.

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Sports in brief

Ban proposed for Contador

CYCLING. Alberto Contador says Spanish cycling officials are proposing a one-year ban for the Tour de France champion who failed a doping test.

In a statement released by his spokesman yesterday, Contador says the Spanish cycling federation's disciplinary committee informed him of the decision.

If banned, Contador would lose his third Tour title because of the positive clenbuterol result he blames on contaminated meat. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cahoon quits on a high note

CFL. Fresh from a second straight Grey Cup win, veteran Montreal Alouettes slotback Ben Cahoon is calling it quits. The 38-year-old announced his retirement from the CFL team yesterday.
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Roethlisberger plays comedian with the media

After tough year, Steelers quarterback seems more relaxed than he was before his first two Super Bowls

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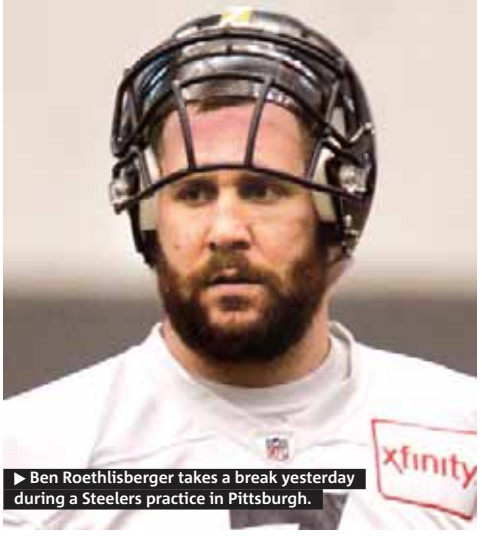

▶ Ben Roethlisberger takes a break yesterday during a Steelers practice in Pittsburgh.

The new, comedic Big Ben debuted his Super Bowl material.

Ben Roethlisberger and the Pittsburgh Steelers went back to work yesterday after two days off following a 24-19 victory over the New York Jets in the AFC championship game.

This is a familiar routine for the six-time champion Steelers, who are in the Super Bowl for the third time in six years. They will face the Green Bay Packers in Dallas Feb. 6.

But it's a slightly different Roethlisberger this time around, and not because he's trying to become just the fifth quarterback to win three Super Bowls.

No matter how much he downplays it, Roethlisberger overcame quite a bit of adversity this year to get to this point. Maybe that's why it seems he's enjoying it a little more than his first two Super Bowl trips.

Roethlisberger cracked some jokes, smiled a lot and poked fun at an out-of-state reporter who referred to jerseys as "sweaters" during a brief session with the media before practice.

When someone asked Roethlisberger if he was grateful to be here, he couldn't resist.

"That's a silly question," Roethlisberger said. "This is the Super Bowl. It's what you dream of as a kid. I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunity just to represent the Steelers and the city of Pittsburgh."

Then a guy must have confused Roethlisberger with Sidney Crosby. The quarterback didn't miss taking a slapshot.

"Sweater? Are you a Canadian guy? You said sweater. That's hockey. We put jerseys on," Roethlisberger said, drawing a loud roar from the throng.

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Pittsburgh	50	31	15	2	2	154	114	66	17-9-1-0	14-6-1-2	6-3-0-1	W2
Washington	50	27	14	5	4	140	128	63	16-5-2-4	11-9-3-0	4-2-3-1	L1
NY Rangers	52	29	20	2	1	148	126	61	12-11-1-1	17-9-1-0	5-5-0-0	L1
Montreal	50	27	18	4	1	130	123	59	16-6-3-1	11-12-1-0	6-2-1-1	L2
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Calgary	50	23	21	2	4	140	151	52	13-9-0-1	10-12-2-2	5-2-1-2	W3
St. Louis	48	22	19	3	4	129	142	51	15-8-1-2	7-11-2-2	2-6-1-1	L3
Columbus	49	23	21	3	2	130	152	51	12-11-0-1	11-10-3-1	3-5-1-1	L1
Edmonton	48	15	25	1	7	121	165	38	7-13-1-3	8-12-1-3	3-6-0-1	W1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Florida at Boston
Carolina at N.Y. Islanders
Washington at Atlanta
New Jersey at Detroit
Edmonton at Dallas
Phoenix at Colorado
St. Louis at Calgary
Nashville at Vancouver
San Jose at Los Angeles
Tuesday's results
Buffalo 3 Ottawa 2 (OT)
Edmonton 4 Phoenix 3
Philadelphia 5 Montreal 2
Tampa Bay 2 Toronto 0
Pittsburgh 1 N.Y. Islanders 0
Florida 4 N.Y. Rangers 3
Anaheim 3 Columbus 2
Minnesota 4 Chicago 2
Tonight's games
No Games Scheduled.
ALL-STAR WEEKEND
At Raleigh, N.C.
Tomorrow's game
All times Eastern
All-star player draft, 8 p.m.

LATE TUESDAY

FLYERS 5, CANADIENS 2

First Period
1. Philadelphia, Carter 23 (Richards, Pronger) 17:42 (pp)
2. Philadelphia, Timonen 3 (Pronger, Richards) 18:45 (pp)

Penalties — Gomez Mtl (cross-checking), Carcillo Pha (roughing) 3:33, Zherdev Pha (slashing) 7:23, Kostitsyn Mtl (slashing) 16:03, Spacek Mtl (holding) 17:14, Subban Mtl (slashing) 17:34.

Second Period
3. Philadelphia, Carcillo 3 (Pronger) 0:23
4. Montreal, Desharnais 3 (Gill, Darche) 12:43
5. Philadelphia, Giroux 19 (Hartnell, Briere) 16:52 (pp)

Penalties — O'Donnell Pha (interference) 2:31, Desharnais Mtl (slashing) 8:48, Montreal bench (too many men; served by Desharnais) 15:11, Meszaros Pha (slashing) 19:43.

Third Period
6. Montreal, Darche 9 (Moen, Hamrlik) 15:17
7. Philadelphia, Briere 26 (Pronger, Bobrovsky) 19:35 (en)

Penalties — Nodl Pha (slashing) 5:48, Pronger Pha (roughing) 7:51, Pouliot Mtl (interference), Pronger Pha (roughing), Carcillo Pha (misconduct) 11:24, Hartnell Pha (boarding) 13:13, Meszaros Pha (slashing) 19:48.

Shots

Montreal	9	15	7—31
Philadelphia	10	16	9—35

Goal — Montreal: Price (L,24-16-5); Philadelphia: Bobrovsky (W,21-6-3). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Montreal: 0-7; Philadelphia: 3-5.
Referees — Chris Rooney, Ian Walsh. **Linesmen** — Pierre Champoux, Brad Kovachik.
Att. — 19,878 (19,537) at Philadelphia.

OILERS 4, COYOTES 3

First Period
1. Phoenix, Upshall 13 (Yandle, Stempniak) 5:27 (pp)

Penalties — Horcoff Edm (hooking) 4:57, Hall Edm (tripping) 15:32.

Second Period
2. Phoenix, Turris 8 (Ra.Whitney, Yandle) 1:54
3. Edmonton, Jacques 3 (Stortini, Foster) 7:11

Penalty — Korpikoski Pho (tripping) 15:48.

Third Period
4. Edmonton, Hall 16 (Horcoff, Petry) 2:56 (pp)
5. Edmonton, Omark 3 (Gagner, Paajarvi) 4:08
6. Phoenix, Upshall 14 (Doan, Turris) 8:29
7. Edmonton, Penner 15 (Hall, Horcoff) 19:38

Penalties — Hanzal Pho (interference) 1:36, Bissonnette Pho (high-sticking) 5:06, Peckham Edm (slashing) 19:49.

Shots

Edmonton	9	14	12—35
Phoenix	9	10	8—27

Goal — Edmonton: Dubnyk (W,5-4-6); Phoenix: Bryzgalov (L,18-12-6). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Edmonton: 1-3; Phoenix: 1-3.
Referees — Marcus Vinnerborg, Dennis LaRue.
Linesmen — Jonny Murray, Shane Heyer.
Att. — 10,057 (17,135) at Glendale, Ariz.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Stamkos, TB	38	29	67
Crosby, Pgh	32	34	66
D.Sedin, Vcr	27	36	63
H.Sedin, Vcr	11	50	61
St. Louis, TB	20	40	60
B.Richards, Dal	20	37	57
Zetterberg, Det	16	36	52
Perry, Ana	25	26	51
Ovechkin, Wash	19	32	51
E.Staal, Car	23	26	49
Eriksson, Dal	17	32	49
Kopitar, LA	16	33	49
Kesler, Vcr	27	20	47
Giroux, Pha	19	28	47
M.Richards, Pha	17	30	47
Sharp, Chi	26	20	46
Iginla, Cal	21	25	46
Backstrom, Wash	12	34	46
Briere, Pha	26	19	45
Selanne, Ana	15	30	45
J.Carter, Pha	23	21	44
Duchene, Col	19	25	44
Havlat, Minn	14	30	44
J.Thornton, SJ	13	31	44
Ribeiro, Dal	10	34	44
Nash, Clb	23	20	43
Heatley, SJ	18	25	43
M.Koivu, Minn	14	29	43
Visnovsky, Ana	8	35	43
P.Stastny, Col	17	25	42
Hejduk, Col	15	27	42
Lidstrom, Det	11	31	42
Yandle, Phx	7	35	42
Vanek, Buf	18	23	41
Byfuglien, Atl	16	25	41
Enstrom, Atl	8	33	41
Letang, Pgh	7	34	41
Skinner, Car	18	22	40
Toews, Chi	17	23	40
Plekanec, Mtl	16	24	40
MacArthur, Tor	15	25	40
T.Ruutu, Car	12	28	40
Ryan, Ana	22	17	39
Bergeron, Bos	16	23	39
Ladd, Atl	16	23	39
Datsyuk, Det	12	27	39
J.Williams, LA	18	20	38
Dubinsky, NYR	17	21	38
Grabovski, Tor	20	17	37
Neal, Dal	20	17	37
D.Brown, LA	17	20	37
Backes, StL	16	21	37
Malkin, Pgh	15	22	37
Getzlaf, Ana	13	24	37
P.Kane, Chi	13	24	37
Clowe, SJ	12	25	37
J.Jokinen, Car	12	25	37
Tanguay, Cal	12	25	37
Marleau, SJ	18	18	36
Tavares, NYI	18	18	36
Steen, StL	15	21	36
Elias, NJ	13	23	36
Leino, Pha	11	25	36
Ra.Whitney, Phx	10	26	36
Franzen, Det	20	15	35
Semin, Wash	18	17	35
Roy, Buf	10	25	35
Liles, Col	6	29	35
Kessel, Tor	19	15	34
Hartnell, Pha	17	17	34
Brassard, Clb	12	22	34
Umberger, Clb	17	16	33
Kulemin, Tor	16	17	33
Kunitz, Pgh	16	17	33
Benn, Dal	13	20	33
Weiss, Fla	13	20	33
Doan, Phx	11	22	33
Malone, TB	11	22	33
Wisniewski, NYI-Mtl	5	28	33
J.Johnson, LA	4	29	33

Not including last night's games

NFL

PRO BOWL

Sunday's game
At Honolulu
AFC vs. NFC, 7 p.m.

SUPER BOWL XLV

Sunday, Feb. 6
At Arlington, Texas
Pittsburgh (AFC) vs. Green Bay (NFC), 6:30 p.m.

TENNIS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

At Melbourne, Australia
Wednesday's results
MEN
Singles — Quarter-finals
David Ferrer (7), Spain, def. Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.
Andy Murray (5), Britain, def. Alexandr Dolgopolov, Ukraine, 7-5, 6-3, 6-7 (3), 6-3.
Doubles — Quarter-finals
Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and **Daniel Nestor (2), Toronto,** def. Mariusz Fyrstenberg and Marcin Matkowski (5), Poland, 7-6 (3), 6-3.
Mahesh Bhupathi and Leander Paes (3), India, def. Michael Llodra, France, and Nenad Zimonjic (8), Serbia, 6-4, 6-4.
WOMEN
Singles — Quarter-finals
Vera Zvonareva (2), Russia, def. Petra Kvitova (25), Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-4.
Kim Clijsters (3), Belgium, def. Agnieszka Radwanska (12), Poland, 6-3, 7-6 (4).
Doubles — Semifinals
Victoria Azarenka, Belarus, and Maria Kirilenko (12), Russia, def. Kveta Peschke, Czech Republic, and Katarina Srebotnik (2), Slovenia, 6-2, 6-4.
Gisela Dulko, Argentina and Flavia Pennetta (1), Italy, def. Liezel Huber, U.S., AND Nadia Petrova (4), Russia, 6-4, 7-5.

SOCCER

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Yesterday's result
Liverpool 1 Fulham 0

CARLING CUP

SEMIFINAL
Second Leg
Yesterday's result
Birmingham 3 West Ham 1 (extra time)
(Birmingham advances on 4-3 aggregate)

GERMANY

GERMAN CUP

QUARTER-FINALS
Yesterday's result
Aachen 0 Bayern Munich 4
Cottbus 1 Hoffenheim 0
Duisburg 2 Kaiserslautern 0

ITALY

ITALIAN CUP

QUARTER-FINALS
Yesterday's results
Napoli 0 Inter Milan 0 (extra time)
(Inter Milan wins 5-4 on penalties)
Sampdoria 1 AC Milan 2

SCOTLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Yesterday's results
Celtic 4 Hearts 0
Hibernian 0 Rangers 2
Inverness 0 Aberdeen 2
St. Johnstone 1 Motherwell 0
St. Mirren 1 Dundee United 1

SPAIN

COPA DEL REY

SEMIFINALS
First Leg
Yesterday's results
Barcelona 5 Almeria 0
Sevilla 0 Real Madrid 1

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

MINNESOTA TWINS—Claimed LHP Dusty Hughes off waivers from Kansas City. Designated RHP Rob Delaney for assignment
N.Y. YANKEES—Agreed to terms with RHP Bartolo Colon on a minor league contract.
TAMPA BAY RAYS—Announced the retirement of OF Rocco Baldelli, who accepted a position as a special assistant with the team.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Agreed to terms with C Miguel Montero on a one-year contract.
CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with RHP Johnny Cueto on a four-year contract.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Agreed to terms with RHP Marc Kroon on a minor league contract.

BASKETBALL

NBA

ORLANDO MAGIC—Waived G Jason Williams.
TORONTO RAPTORS—Signed G Trey Johnson to a 10-day contract. Released G Sundiata Gaines.

FOOTBALL

NFL

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Named Ike Hilliard assistant wide receivers coach, Tony Sparano Jr. offensive quality control coach and Dave Fipp assistant special teams coach. Promoted receivers coach Karl Dorrell to quarterbacks coach, offensive quality control coach Steve Bush to receivers coach and assistant special teams coach Darren Rizzi to special teams coordinator.
N.Y. JETS—Signed DB Will Billingsley, RB Carlos Brown, LB Cody Brown, P T.J. Conley, G Marlon Davis, C Robby Felix, RB Chris Jennings, DL Matt Kroul, G Dennis Landolt, CB Ellis Lankster, LB Joey LaRocque, WR Logan Payne, DT Carlton Powell, LB Brashton Satele, DB Richard Taylor, LB Brian Toal, DE Lorenzo Washington and QB Drew Willy to reserve/futures contracts.

HOCKEY

NHL

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Assigned D Nick Leddy to Rockford (AHL).
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Assigned LW Matt Calvert to Springfield (AHL).
MINNESOTA WILD—Reassigned F Cody Almond to Houston (AHL).
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Assigned C Ryan White to Hamilton (AHL).
OTTAWA SENATORS—Re-assigned G Mike Brodeur and F Bobby Butler to Binghamton (AHL).

AHL

CONNECTICUT WHALE—Announced the N.Y. Rangers (NHL) returned F Brodie Dupont, F Evgeny Grachev, F Chad Kolanik, F Kris Newbury and D Michael Del Zotto to the team.

LACROSSE

NLL

MINNESOTA SWARM—Traded T Ryan Sharp to Toronto for a 2013 first-round draft pick. Signed D Brock Boyle.

SOCCER

MLS

CHICAGO FIRE—Re-signed D Dasan Robinson.
PORTLAND TIMBERS—Signed G Adin Brown and D Steve Purdy.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Boston	34	10	.773	—
d-Miami	31	13	.705	3
d-Chicago	31	14	.689	3½
Atlanta	29	16	.644	5½
Orlando	29	16	.644	5½
New York	23	21	.523	11
Philadelphia	20	25	.444	14½
Charlotte	18	25	.419	15½
Indiana	16	25	.390	16½
Milwaukee	16	26	.381	17
Detroit	17	28	.378	17½
Washington	13	31	.295	21
New Jersey	13	32	.289	21½
Toronto	13	33	.283	22
Cleveland	8	37	.178	26½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	38	7	.844	—
d-L.A. Lakers	33	13	.717	5½
Dallas	29	15	.659	8½
New Orleans	30	16	.652	8½
d-Oklahoma City	28	16	.636	9½
Utah	27	18	.600	11
Denver	26	18	.591	11½
Portland	25	21	.543	13½
Memphis	22	23	.489	16
Phoenix	20	23	.465	17
Houston	21	25	.457	17½
Golden State	19	25	.432	18½
L.A. Clippers	17	27	.386	20½
Sacramento	10	33	.233	27
Minnesota	10	34	.227	27½

d — division leader
Last night's results
Philadelphia 107 Toronto 94
Orlando at Indiana
Memphis at New Jersey
Denver at Detroit
Atlanta at Milwaukee
Oklahoma City at Minnesota
L.A. Clippers at Houston
Charlotte at Phoenix
San Antonio at Utah
New Orleans at Golden State
Tuesday's results
Denver 120 Washington 109
Boston 112 Cleveland 95
Dallas 112 L.A. Clippers 105
Charlotte 94 Sacramento 89
L.A. Lakers 120 Utah 91
Tonight's games
Miami at New York, 8 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

SCORING AVERAGE

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	40	372	311	1124	28.1
Stoudemire, NYK	44	430	279	1147	26.1
James, MIA	42	372	285	1087	25.9
Ellis, GOL	44	427	206	1133	25.8
Wade, MIA	41	357	279	1030	25.1
Bryant, LAL	46	403	280	1144	24.9
Rose, CHI	44	395	222	1082	24.6
Gordon, LAC	41	333	242	988	24.1
Anthony, DEN	37	311	233	880	23.8
Martin, HOU	44	299	342	1036	23.5
Nowitzki, DAL	35	296	187	815	23.3
Griffin, LAC	44	379	238	1002	22.8
Westbrook, OKC	44	334	313	992	22.5
Howard, ORL	43	329	291	949	22.1
Bargnani, TOR	39	322	150	842	21.6
Williams, UTA	45	309	270	970	21.6
Love, MIN	44	314	254	942	21.4
Granger, IND	40	294	175	848	21.2
Aldridge, POR	46	386	196	971	21.1
Gay, MEM	43	336	159	883	20.5
Beasley, MIN	40	331	123	821	20.5
Randolph, MEM	41	333	153	822	20.0
Lopez, NJN	45	313	238	864	19.2
Scola, HOU	46	363	152	878	19.1
Pierce, BOS	44	291	191	839	19.1
West, NOR	45	344	163	853	19.0
Bosh, MIA	42	296	186	783	18.6
Gasol, LAL	46	329	198	856	18.6
Ginobili, SAN	45	254	229	836	18.6
Jackson, CHA	41	260	139	735	17.9
Evans, SAC	38	260	128	679	17.9
Felton, NYK	44	280	135	771	17.5
Deng, CHI	45	290	139	784	17.4
Parker, SAN	45	319	133	782	17.4
Allen, BOS	44	278	109	761	17.3

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No regrets for De Rosario

Toronto FC captain still looking for an improved deal, and he isn't apologizing for taking his frustrations public or for trip to Scotland

Dwayne De Rosario is looking forward to stepping on the pitch under Toronto FC's new regime.

But the Toronto captain would be much more excited if he had the security of a new contract to open the new season as well.

De Rosario met with reporters yesterday on the heels of a stormy off-season, saying he has no regrets for his public show of frustration over his contract status or his unanticipated trip to Scotland to train with Celtic.

But he is disappointed at not having an improved deal.

"If they were really motivated it would have got done a long time ago," De Rosario said yesterday, a day before the team flies to Turkey to open training camp. "Hopefully, we resolve that issue sooner than later and move forward because I just want to focus on my football and continue to play."

The 32-year-old attacking midfielder had expressed unhappiness at his TFC contract — he earned $443,750 US last season, about one-quarter of what designated player Julian de Guzman made.

Toronto enters the Major League Soccer season with an entirely new staff, and Aron Winter, the new coach and technical director, and director of player development Paul Mariner said one of their first orders of business will be to settle the De Rosario situation.

"We're talking to De Ro all the time, that's as much as I want to say in the present moment," Mariner said. "(His contract status) is what we're trying to do today, we're trying to work through that."

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▶ Dwayne De Rosario, right, battles for the ball against San Jose last season.

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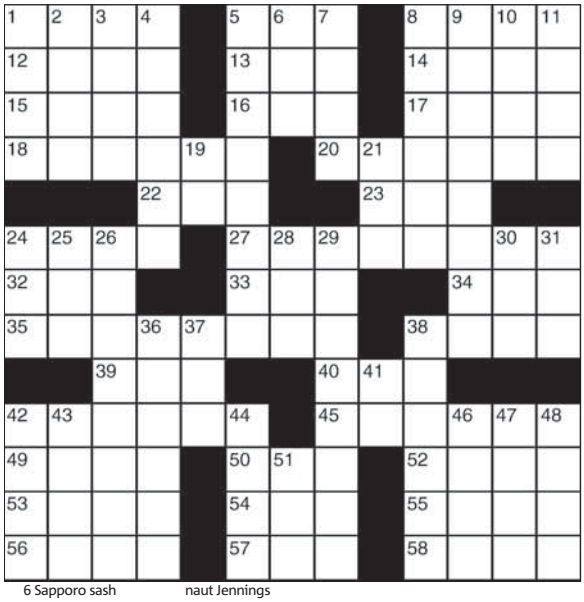

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1 Parliamentarian
5 Wynken and Blynken's pal
8 Talon
12 Lotion additive
13 Rushmore face
14 Portrayal
15 Catchall abbr.
16 Compete
17 Terrible guy?
18 Zaftig, perhaps
20 Take umbrage at
22 Slight touch
23 Cage component
24 Eye with desire
27 Like some suitors
32 Court
33 One (Pref.)
34 Regret
35 Trysters' locale
38 Mideast gulf
39 Ostrich's cousin
40 iPad download
42 Missing
45 Lass
49 Lecher's look
50 Blackbird
52 Continental coin
53 Boast
54 Family
55 Family
56 Initial stake
57 Recede
58 Otherwise

Down

1 Mary's follower
2 Hodgepodge
3 Colonial seamstress
4 Solve a cryptogram
5 Almost black
6 Sapporo sash
7 Antelope's playmate
8 Emotional period
9 Variety of small parrot
10 Chester — Arthur
11 Departed
19 41-Down's partner
21 Prior to
24 Symbol of wisdom
25 Stickum
26 Chair for a pair
28 Switch positions
29 Niacin or riboflavin
30 Poolroom prop
31 "Jeopardy!" jugger-naut Jennings
36 Come out
37 Sister
38 Each
41 19-Down's partner
42 Actress Jessica
43 Swiss city
44 Snatch
46 Boring
47 Geological periods
48 Zilch
51 Pen point

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

	2	3				4		
			9	7				1
1					2			3
		4	2		1		3	
	5			8			2	
	8		3		5	6		
4			8					5
5				1	6			
		7				8	1	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

5	1	2	8	3	4	7	6	9
3	6	8	7	2	9	4	1	5
9	4	7	5	6	1	3	2	8
4	9	5	1	8	6	2	7	3
6	8	1	2	7	3	9	5	4
7	2	3	4	9	5	1	8	6
8	3	6	9	1	2	5	4	7
1	5	9	6	4	7	8	3	2
2	7	4	3	5	8	6	9	1

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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20
Travel and social plans may be at the top of your agenda, but don't expect family and friends to do what you want to do. If you are looking for love, you will most likely find it on a trip to some exotic place.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
What happens today will bring an opportunity to make some much-needed cash, but it won't be the answer to all of your financial problems. You have to make some serious savings, that means cutbacks.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 The planets are urging you to do something out of the ordinary. You hate it when everything is so quiet that you can hear yourself breathing.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You may be tempted to push yourself harder than ever. But Venus, planet of harmony and balance, in the wellbeing area of your chart, says it might be wise to take things easy.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You may be passionate, but sometimes you can get carried away and do things that are not good for you, personally or professionally. Don't let your passions get the better of you today.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You are more affectionate than some people give you credit for. At some stage, today, you will release those feelings that you have kept hidden. It won't be embarrassing. In fact, it will be rather nice.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Don't worry about details. Focus on the bigger picture and trust that fate will guide you in the right direction. Your questions will be answered when you are ready to understand.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You don't have to see every interaction in terms of winning or losing. Let life come to you today and you will soon realize that you have everything to gain from being less aggressive.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Venus in your sign is making you somewhat mellow, and that's no a bad thing. It means you are less likely to overreact if something out of the ordinary happens. Take life as it comes.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Not everything will run smoothly, but it won't go so wrong that you'll have to take remedial action. There will always be bumps in the road on which you are traveling. It makes a journey interesting.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Don't come on too strongly and frighten away someone to whom you want to get close. Sometimes, you seem a bit fierce to those not as committed to your favorite causes.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 You may have a number of duties to perform, but you are advised to put them out of your mind and focus only on things that make you glad to be alive.
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